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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. UPTON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 1, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRED UPTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend John Roller, Pastor Emeritus, St. Thomas Becket Parish, Mt. Prospect, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

God and Father of us all, You are the primary cause of our joy, the reason for our hope, and the source of our peace. We believe that in You we live and move and have our being.

Filled with confidence, we bring our needs before You, for You are a shepherd who leads us and a light who guides us. Moreover, You are our God who loves us, whose hand is so discernibly present in everything we are and do.

Loving Father, we may be very good at coming to You and asking. Help us to be just as prompt in thanking You for Your gifts, many of which we receive without asking or even being aware.

Once again, in this past weekend of remembrance, we have been made so keenly aware that Your hand has always been upon us. You have blessed us with citizenship in this powerful and potentially great Nation; the call to sit in deliberation as part of this notable Congress; and the awareness that we are all Your chosen sons and daughters.

Always we are the recipients of Your love which we will never fully comprehend.

For all of Your gifts, loving Father, we beg You to accept our humble and heartfelt gratitude.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. BEAUPREZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BEAUPREZ led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3550) "An Act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REID, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CONRAD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker Pro Tempore THORNBERRY signed the following enrolled bill on Monday, May 24, 2004:

S. 2092, to assist the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 21, 2004 at 1:16 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 409.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 423.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
Clerk of the House.

MEDICARE-APPROVED PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARDS

(Mr. BEAUPREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, today is a good day for America's senior citizens, as the Medicare-approved prescription drug discount cards hit the streets across the country.

From this day forward, seniors will no longer have to pay full retail price for their life-saving drugs.

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